

67. (new) The biased combinatorial gene expression library of claim 57 wherein the expression constructs comprise a plasmid vector, a phage vector, a viral vector, a cosmid vector, or an artificial chromosome.

68. (new) The biased combinatorial gene expression library of claim 58 wherein the expression constructs comprise a plasmid vector, a phage vector, a viral vector, a cosmid vector, or an artificial chromosome.

69. (new) The biased combinatorial gene expression library of claim 59 wherein the expression constructs comprise a plasmid vector, a phage vector, a viral vector, a cosmid vector, or an artificial chromosome.

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70. (new) The biased combinatorial gene expression library of claim 60 wherein the expression constructs comprise a plasmid vector, a phage vector, a viral vector, a cosmid vector, or an artificial chromosome. --

REMARKS

Attorneys for Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during telephone discussion on April 17, 2001 regarding proposed amendments to the pending claims.

Claims 27-34, 36-41, 43-46, 48-70 are presently pending. Claims 35, 42, and 47 have been canceled without prejudice; accordingly Applicants reserve their right to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled claim in one or more continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional applications. Claims 34, 45, and 48-50 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. As discussed, some of the allowable subject matters of claims 34, 45 and 48-50 are subdivided and separately recited in new claims. New claims 51-70 are directed to the allowable subject matters of old claims 34, 45 and 48-50 and, thus no new matter has been added.

A marked up version of the claims showing the amendments is attached hereto as Appendix A. Matter that has been deleted from claims 34, 45, and 48-50 is indicated by brackets and matter that has been added is indicated by underlining.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the application. A notice of allowance for the application is earnestly sought. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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